

2025 Update Letter

**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
-ROMANS 15:13**

Friends,

As I reflect on this past year, I find myself thinking of Romans 15:13. This has been a challenging year, but it has painted a picture that reminds me God is both the source and the sustainer of our hope.



There are many events that I want to highlight! Most recently, Christmas parties and shoebox deliveries. I had the joy of being accompanied by my discipleship girls to deliver gifts in the White Swan community. We had extra gifts towards the end so the girls asked if we could deliver to their friends households. One house had a good amount of kids. It was so heartwarming to see them invite other kids to church! We saw the kids from that house at church the next day. This whole year I have been encouraged by our youth and all the ways the Lord continues to work through them. Working with the kids in our after-school program is always fun. The picture above was taken at one of our field trips. Listening to them memorize bible verses, answer math questions, and get excited about science experiments puts a smile on my face and reminds me to find joy in all things.

We have met so many new kids this year through kids club! Some are regulars at church and other events we host. Kids club always goes by faster than I can grasp. One moment I am giving a kid a piggy back ride, and the next thing I know they are in the youth group and are big enough to give the younger kids a piggy back ride. How beautiful is it to witness each of them grow in their own walk with Christ.

This year, I experienced a deeper understanding of the importance of community. I lost my dad in November and it flipped my life upside down. I am incredibly thankful to have the people God put in my life. I am surrounded by people who encourage and comfort me, pray for me, make me laugh, care about me, and point me to Christ. I am so encouraged to walk beside others, called to proclaim God's name and live out our faith in a way that honors Him.

I want to thank you all for supporting me in prayer and financial gifts. I love where I am, and the excitement I get thinking about where the Lord will lead me next. Wishing you a happy new year!

With love,
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